ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 143-129, sealed bids will be received by the City of Asheville, Post Office Box 7148, Asheville, North Carolina, 28802, in the office of John Gavin (828-232-4580) on the Mezzanine floor of the City of Asheville Building, Asheville, North Carolina, up to 10:00 AM, November 18th, 2009, and shall be immediately opened publicly and read aloud on the 1st floor of the Public Works Building, in Conference Room A109, 161 S. Charlotte Street, Asheville, North Carolina for the project described as follows:

<u>COXE AVE.</u>: Milling sections of pavement to reveal curb facing and level, resurface entire length and restripe to include bike lanes and new parking spaces, replace and/or repair stormwater catch basin frame and grate assemblies to include installing Type F and G bicycle safe grates.

<u>SOUTH SLOPE:</u> Remove existing pavement striping and markings and restripe with new bicycle lanes and on street parking configurations. Replacing existing stormwater grates with Type F and G bicycle safe grates and installing new signage associated with the addition of bicycle lanes.

Complete plans, specifications and contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

Engineering Services Division, Mezzanine floor of the City Hall Building 70 Court Plaza, Asheville, North Carolina

<u>Associated General Contractor's Office</u> <u>One Oak Plaza</u>

Copies of complete plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained at the following locations:

All contract documents and plans will be available for view or hard-copy reproduction on the City of Asheville website.

The City of Asheville will provide paper copies of plans and documents if it is not possible for the potential bidder to reproduce them from the electronic files provided on the website.

A non-refundable fee of seventy five Dollars (\$75.00) in cash or certified check is required for receipt of the copies.

The Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals are hereby made a part of these contract documents

The goals for participation by minority business firms as subcontractors on this project have been set by the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise at 10.0%.

Bidders are also notified that the City of Asheville has adopted a Drug-Free Workplace Policy requiring successful bidders to insure that a drug-free workplace is provided in the performance of any City of Asheville construction contracts. The requirements of that policy are included in the invitation to Bid and will be included in the contract for the construction of the Project.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on November 11th at 3:00 PM on the <u>1st</u> floor of the <u>Public Works Building</u>, in <u>Conference Room A109</u>, 161 S. Charlotte Street, Asheville, North Carolina. The project, the Federal disadvantaged business enterprise goal (DBE) and the City's Drug-Free Workplace Policy will be explained.

All bidders must have current North Carolina licenses for all work for the project.

All bids must be submitted on the form of bid proposal provided. All bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and properly labeled.

Bid proposals shall include the cost of required insurance and bonds and payment of any applicable local, State and Federal taxes. The City Council of the City of Asheville has adopted a policy that the City of Asheville will not enter into contracts with bidders who are delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the City of Asheville.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a deposit with the City of Asheville of cash, or a cashier's check, or a certified check on some bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount. In lieu of making the cash deposit as above provided, the bidder may file a bid bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds, conditioned that the surety will upon demand forthwith make payment to the obligee upon said bond if the bidder fails to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond. This deposit shall be retained if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract within ten (10) days after the award of bid or fails to give satisfactory surety as required in N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 143-129.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Those bonds shall meet the requirements of N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 143-129 and of Article 3 of Chapter 44A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

No bid may be withdrawn after bids have been opened, except as provided in <u>N. C. Gen. Stat.</u> sec. 143-129.1.

The City of Asheville reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

CITY OF ASHEVILLE

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